

substantially in the plane of said transparent element, beyond a periphery of at least one of said layers, wherein said at least one rigid protuberance comprises a metal insert is mounted between said two sheets of glass and forms an extension of said adhesive layer, said at least one rigid protuberance extending in the plane of the interpolated adhesive layer and having a width substantially the same as a width of the interpolated adhesive layer.

~~4~~ (Amended) An armored transparent partition, comprising:

a substantially planar laminated transparent element having at least two transparent layers extending substantially in the plane of said transparent element; and

at least one rigid protuberance fixed to at least one of said layers and extending, substantially in the plane of said transparent element, beyond a periphery of at least one of said layers, wherein said at least two layers comprise, in order, a first sheet of glass, a first polyvinylbutyral adhesive layer, a second sheet of glass, a second polyvinylbutyral adhesive layer, a third sheet of glass, a polyurethane adhesive layer, and a polycarbonate layer, and wherein said at least one rigid protuberance extends between said first and second sheets of glass, and forms an extension of said first polyvinylbutyral adhesive layer.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 22 and 25 have been canceled. The subject matter of Claim 25 has been incorporated into Claim 23. In addition, allowable Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Johnson for the courtesy of an interview on May 9, 2001, at which time the outstanding rejection and possible claim amendments were discussed. No agreement was reached at that time, although Claim 23 now incorporates